



Korean Ladder Study Note

(으)ㄹ 거예요

The Korean Future Tense and Plans

Level	Topic	Focus
A2 · Elementary TOPIK 2	Grammar Tense	(으)ㄹ 거예요 The Korean Future Tense and Plans

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Core Idea

Quick question — how do you say 'I'm going to study tonight' in Korean?

Honestly? I'd just say 공부해요 and hope for the best.

Right, but that's just present tense — 'I study.' Where's the 'going to'?

The pattern is (으)ㄹ 거예요. It means 'will' or 'going to' — it attaches to a verb stem.

Conversation Snapshot

Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Junho	주말에 뭐 할 거예요? —	What are you going to do this weekend?
Hana	친구를 만날 거예요. —	I'm going to meet a friend.
Junho	어디에서 만날 거예요? —	Where will you meet?



Speaker	Korean	Meaning
Hana	홍대에서 놀 거예요. —	We'll hang out in Hongdae.

Vocabulary & Useful Expressions

Word	Meaning	Example
(으)ㄹ 거예요 (eu)l geo-ye-yo	will / be going to	The pattern is (으)ㄹ 거예요. It means 'will' or 'going to' — it attaches to a verb stem.
미래 + 계획 mi-rae + gye-hoek	future + plans	(으)ㄹ 거예요는 미래와 계획을 말해요. In English, it marks the future — your plans and your predictions.
세 가지 모양 se ga-ji mo-yang	three shapes: ㄹ / 을 / (already ㄹ)	One pattern, three little shapes. Let's see all three.
갈 거예요 gal geo-ye-yo	(l) will go	First, a verb that ends in a vowel — 가다, to go. The stem 가 has no final consonant, so we just add ㄹ: 갈 거예요.
먹을 거예요 meo-geul geo-ye-yo	(l) will eat	Now a verb ending in a consonant — 먹다, to eat. The stem 먹 has a final consonant, so we add 을: 먹을 거예요.
살 거예요 sal geo-ye-yo	(l) will live	And special ㄹ verbs like 살다, to live — the ㄹ is already there, so just 살 거예요. No extra 을.
받침 없음 → ㄹ / 받침 있음 → 을 —	no batchim takes ㄹ; a batchim takes 을	받침이 없으면 ㄹ, 받침이 있으면 을. No final consonant takes ㄹ; a final consonant takes 을. 받침 just means the bottom consonant of a syllable.
가 → 갈, 먹 → 먹을 —	vowel adds ㄹ, consonant adds 을	So 가 has no batchim, so 갈. 먹 has a ㄱ batchim, so 먹을. Okay, that clicks.



Grammar / Structure Notes

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세 가지 모양

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갈 거예요

갈 + 거예요 — (I) will go

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먹을 거예요

먹 + 을 + 거예요 — (I) will eat

Now a verb ending in a consonant — 먹다, to eat. The stem 먹 has a final consonant, so we add 을: 먹을 거예요.

Pronunciation Loop

Phrase	How to practice
갈 거예요	gal geo-ye-yo
먹을 거예요	meo-geul geo-ye-yo

Self-Check

- 1 Say (으)ㄹ 거예요 three times: slow, natural, then inside a short sentence.
- 2 Write one original sentence that was not in the video.
- 3 Rewatch the YouTube lesson and pause when the same pattern appears.

Related / Subsequent Studies



Lesson	Why study it next	Link
았어요 / 었어요 The Korean Past Tense	A2 Grammar: compare 았어요 / 었어요 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-GRAM-TNS-001
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아서 / 어서 Saying 'Because' and 'And Then'	A2 Grammar: compare 아서 / 어서 with this lesson so the boundary becomes clearer.	Open lesson https://www.koreanladder.com/lesson.html?id=KOR-A2-GRAM-CON-001
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